(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Diversion of west flowing Rivers to southern districts of Tamil Nadu

3093. DR. V. RAJESHWARAN:
SHRI R. DHANUSHODI ATHITHAN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to divert the water of West flowing rivers joining Arabian Sea on the cost of Kerala towards the southern districts of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). A National perspective for Water Resources Development prepared by the Government, among other things, envisages partial diversion of west flowing rivers of Kerala and Karnataka, joining Arabian Sea, to water deficit areas east of the Western Ghats.

The National Water Development Agency has prepared the preliminary feasibility report of the Pamba-Achenkovil-Vaigai link. The benefits evisage 25 MW of power generation in Kerala, meeting irrigation requirement of about 1 lakh hectares of land and drinking water provision for the drought prone districts of Tamil Nadu.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Licences for beer Factories

3094. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently issued licences to 110 beer factories;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether keeping in view the great demand of beer in Arab countries, the Government have laid down any condition for the export of the beer produced in these factories;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government propose to issue more licences to produce beer in view of its demand in Arab Countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). Recently, Government have issued only six Letter of Intents for the manufacture of Beer, out of which four have been issued to Non-Resident Indians and two to Indian residents.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Applications received for grant of Letters of Intent for manufacture of beer are under the consideration of Government.

Reserved Quota for SC/ST in NTPC Power Units in U.P.

3095. SHRI RAM NIHOR RAI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees in each category working in NTPC Thermal Power Project in Uttar Pradesh;